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### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1 – 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended). A vacuum head device for removal of liquid from a fabric, the device comprising:

- a leading portion coupled to the device and configured to penetrate the fabric;
- a trailing portion coupled to the device and configured to penetrate the fabric; and
- an extraction slot formed by the leading portion and trailing portion[.]

wherein the leading portion comprises a plurality of channels extending from a leading surface of the leading portion to a trailing surface of the leading portion, wherein the plurality of channels are configured to be adjacent to and open towards the fabric when the device is in operation, thereby permitting liquid in the fabric to enter the extraction slot.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The vacuum head device of claim 10 ~~11~~, wherein the cross section of the leading portion is V-shaped.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The vacuum head device of claim 10 ~~11~~, wherein the cross section of the trailing portion is V-shaped.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The vacuum head device of claim 10 ~~11~~, wherein the cross section of the leading portion is substantially circular.